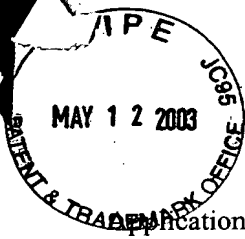


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The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$55.00 (Small Entity). Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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